

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims  
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4 **Listing of Claims**

5 Claim 1 (Previously presented): A method for establishing a new trading  
6 relationship between new trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the  
7 method comprising:

8 retrieving configuration details associated with a new trading partner from a  
9 remote site; and

10 automatically configuring a new trading relationship with the new trading  
11 partner using the configuration details.

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13 Claim 2 (Original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieving  
14 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the  
15 configuration details.

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17 Claim 3 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein  
18 the automatically configuring comprises:

19 creating a new trading partner record; and

20 automatically populating the new trading partner record with the  
21 configuration details.

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23 Claim 4 (Previously presented): In an electronic commerce trading system  
24 involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a method  
25 comprising:

collecting configuration details associated with a new trading partner  
participating in the commerce trading system; and  
publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

Claim 5 (Original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the collecting  
comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the  
configuration details.

Claim 6 (Original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the publishing  
comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)  
at the Web site.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein  
the Web site is associated with the new trading partner.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): A method for establishing a new trading  
relationship between new trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the  
method comprising:

creating a trading partner record for a new trading partner;  
retrieving configuration details associated with the new trading partner from  
a remote site; and  
populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved  
from the remote site.

1 Claim 9 (Original): A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the retrieving  
2 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the  
3 configuration details posted to a Web site.

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5 Claim 10 (Previously presented): A method for establishing a trading  
6 relationship between first and second new trading partners involved in electronic  
7 commerce, the method comprising:

8 collecting configuration details associated with the first new trading partner;  
9 publishing the configuration details to a Web site;

10 creating, at the second new trading partner, a new trading partner record for  
11 the first new trading partner;

12 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first new trading  
13 partner from the Web site; and

14 populating the new trading partner record with the configuration details  
15 associated with the first new trading partner.

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17 Claim 11 (Original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
18 collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter  
19 the configuration details.

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21 Claim 12 (Original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
22 publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1 Claim 13 (Original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
2 publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal  
3 resource locator) at the Web site.

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5 Claim 14 (Original): A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
6 retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted  
7 to the Web site.

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9 Claim 15 (Previously presented): A system comprising:  
10 a first computer system at a first new trading partner;  
11 a second computer system at a second new trading partner;  
12 a Web site;  
13 the first computer system collecting configuration details associated with  
14 the first new trading partner and publish the configuration details to the Web site;  
15 and  
16 the second computer system retrieving the configuration details from the  
17 Web site and automatically configure for a trading relationship with the first new  
18 trading partner using the configuration details.

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20 Claim 16 (Original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
21 computer system hosts the Web site.

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23 Claim 17 (Original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
24 computer system presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the  
25 configuration details.

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2 **Claim 18 (Original):** A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
3 computer system posts the configuration details in XML format.  
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5 **Claim 19 (Original):** A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
6 computer system posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource  
7 locator) at the Web site.  
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9 **Claim 20 (Original):** A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the second  
10 computer system addresses the URL to access the configuration details.  
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12 **Claim 21 (Previously presented):** A system as recited in claim 15, wherein  
13 the second computer system creates a new trading partner record and automatically  
14 populates the new trading partner record with the configuration details.  
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16 **Claim 22 (Previously presented):** A electronic commerce system,  
17 comprising:

18 a first component at a first new trading partner, the first component  
19 collecting configuration details associated with the first new trading partner and  
20 publishing the configuration details to a Web site; and

21 a second component at a second new trading partner, the second component  
22 retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically  
23 configuring a trading relationship with the second new trading partner using the  
24 configuration details.  
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1 Claim 23 (Previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited  
2 in claim 22, wherein the first component presents a graphical user interface to  
3 enable a user to enter the configuration details.  
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5 Claim 24 (Previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited  
6 in claim 22, wherein the first component posts the configuration details to a URL  
7 (universal resource locator) at the Web site.  
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9 Claim 25 (Previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited  
10 in claim 24, wherein the second component addresses the URL to access the  
11 configuration details.  
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13 Claim 26 (Previously presented): A electronic commerce system as recited  
14 in claim 22, wherein the second component creates a new trading partner record  
15 and automatically populates the new trading partner record with the configuration  
16 details.  
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18 Claim 27 (Previously presented): A software architecture for an electronic  
19 commerce system having new trading partners that exchange data over a network,  
20 comprising:

21 first program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a first new  
22 trading partner, the first program code having computer-executable instructions  
23 that, when executed by one or more processors, collect configuration details  
24 associated with the first new trading partner and publish the configuration details  
25 to a Web site; and

second program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a second new trading partner, the second program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, retrieve the configuration details from the Web site and automatically configure a new trading relationship with the second new trading partner using the configuration details.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): In an electronic commerce trading system involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing computer-executable instructions for:

collecting configuration details associated with a new trading partner that participates in electronic commerce; and

publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): In an electronic commerce trading system involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing computer-executable instructions for:

creating a new trading partner record for a new trading partner that participates in electronic commerce;

retrieving configuration details associated with the new trading partner from a Web site; and

populating the new trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved from the Web site.

1 Claim 30 (Previously presented): A method for establishing a new trading  
2 relationship between new trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the  
3 method comprising:

4 retrieving configuration details associated with a first new trading partner  
5 from a remote site by a second potential trading partner;

6 retrieving configuration details associated with the second new trading  
7 partner from a remote site by the first potential trading partner; and

8 automatically configuring a new trading relationship with the first and the  
9 second new trading partners using the configuration details.

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11 Claim 31 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 30, wherein  
12 the retrieving comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access  
13 the configuration details of the first and the second trading partners.

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15 Claim 32 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 30, wherein  
16 the automatically configuring comprises:

17 creating a new trading partner record; and

18 automatically populating the new trading partner record with the  
19 configuration details.

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21 Claim 33 (Previously presented): A method for establishing a new trading  
22 relationship between first and second new trading partners involved in electronic  
23 commerce, the method comprising:

24 collecting first and second configuration details associated with the first and  
25 the second new trading partners, respectively;



1 publishing the first and second configuration details to at least one Web  
2 site;

3 creating, at the second new trading partner, a new trading partner record for  
4 the first new trading partner;

5 creating, at the first new trading partner, a new trading partner record for  
6 the second new trading partner;

7 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first new trading  
8 partner from the Web site;

9 retrieving the configuration details associated with the second new trading  
10 partner from the Web site;

11 populating the new trading partner record of the second new trading partner  
12 with the configuration details associated with the first new trading partner; and

13 populating the new trading partner record of the first new trading partner  
14 with the configuration details associated with the second new trading partner.

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16 Claim 34 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein  
17 the collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to  
18 enter the configuration details.

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20 Claim 35 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein  
21 the publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.  
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1 Claim 36 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein  
2 the publishing comprises publishing the first configuration details at a first Web  
3 site associated with the first new trading partner and the second configuration  
4 details at a second Web site associated with the second new trading partner.

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6 Claim 37 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein  
7 the publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal  
8 resource locator) at the Web site.

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10 Claim 38 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 37, wherein  
11 the retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details  
12 posted to the Web site.

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14 Claim 39 (Previously presented): A system comprising:  
15 a first computer system at a first new trading partner;  
16 a second computer system at a second new trading partner;  
17 the first computer system collecting first configuration details associated  
18 with the first new trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a first  
19 Web site;

20 the second computer system collecting second configuration details  
21 associated with the second new trading partner and publishing the configuration  
22 details to a second Web site;

23 the first computer system retrieving the second configuration details from  
24 the second Web site and automatically configuring for a new trading relationship  
25 with the first new trading partner using the second configuration details; and

1 the second computer system retrieving the first configuration details from  
2 the first Web site and automatically configuring for a new trading relationship with  
3 the first new trading partner using the first configuration details.  
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